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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A signal processing system for converting a variable frequency input signal to a fixed frequency output signal comprising:

means for generating a first clock signal at a first clock frequency;

means for receiving a frequency control signal that corresponds to a second frequency;

means for generating a second clock signal at the second frequency as a function of said frequency control signal;

means for generating a phase offset signal representing an offset in phase between the first clock signal and the second clock signal; and

means for converting a the variable frequency input signal to an interpolated signal at a fixed sampling frequency in accordance with said phase offset signal, wherein the interpolated signal is interpolated by a value of M/N where M and N are integers.

2. (Original) The signal processing system of claim 1 further comprising:

means for modulating the interpolated signal onto trigonometric signals; and

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means for converting the modulated signal to an analog signal.

3. (Currently Amended) The signal processing system of claim 1 wherein the means for converting a variable frequency input signal to an interpolated signal at a fixed sampling frequency in accordance with said phase offset signal comprises an interpolator that interpolates the ~~the~~ variable frequency input signal by a non-integer value.

4. (Currently Amended) The signal processing system of claim 1 wherein the means for converting a variable frequency input signal to an interpolated signal at a fixed sampling frequency in accordance with said phase offset signal comprises an interpolator that interpolates the ~~the~~ variable frequency input signal by an integer value.

5. (Currently Amended) A signal processing system for converting a variable frequency input signal to an output signal having a fixed output frequency, comprising:

means for generating a clock signal at a clock frequency equal to baud rate of said variable frequency input signal as a function of a frequency control signal;

means for generating a phase offset signal representing an offset in phase between a recipient clock signal and the clock signal; and

means for converting a the variable frequency input signal to an interpolated signal at a fixed sampling frequency in accordance with said phase offset signal, wherein the

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interpolated signal is interpolated by a value of M/N where M and N are integers.

6. (Currently Amended) A signal processing system, comprising:

means for providing a first clock signal at a first clock frequency;

oscillator means, responsive to a frequency control signal and the first clock signal for providing an output clock signal at a fixed second clock frequency and a phase offset signal representing an offset in phase between the first clock signal and the second clock signal, and

interpolation means for ~~offseting~~offsetting a pair of variable frequency input signals in accordance with the phase offset signal to provide an interpolated signal at a fixed output sampling frequency, wherein the interpolated signal is interpolated by a value of M/N where M and N are integers.

7. (Original) The signal processing system of claim 6 wherein the phase offset signal is greater than or equal to zero and less than one.

8. (Currently Amended) The signal processing system of claim 6 wherein the ~~interpolation~~interpolation means interpolates the variable frequency input signal by a non-integer value.

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9. (Original) The signal processing system of claim 6 wherein the interpolation means interpolates the variable frequency input signal by an integer value.

10. (Original) The signal processing system of claim 6 further comprising a modulator for modulating the interpolated signal onto a trigonometric signal at a carrier frequency.

11. (Original) The signal processing system of claim 10 further comprising a digital to analog converter for converting the modulated signal to an analog signal.

12. (Original) The signal processing system of claim 6 wherein said interpolation means includes a register, responsive to said second clock signal, to provide said pair of variable frequency input signals.